

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the previously pending claims with the following claim listing.

- 1-19. (Canceled)
20. (Currently amended) A method comprising: administering an agent to a ~~lupus affected or~~
~~lupus predisposed mouse with lupus;~~ and comparing expression of SFRP1 (SEQ ID NO:15)
mRNA in kidney samples of the mouse before and after said administering to determine if said
agent modulates expression of SFRP1 in the mouse.